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Food and Drug Administration
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To whom it may concern:

This is dishonest to the consumers of this free and democratic country to pass a rule that forbids labeling GE foods.

Your office has absolutely no proof that these products are safe. No long-term testing has been conducted by your offices or by independent non industry funded laboratories on the effects of GE crops on human, animal, and environmental health, or on the potential for increased transmissibility of viruses across species. We already have mad cow disease.

Given the unproven record of GE foods, it is the FDA's obligation to protect the consumer from possible hazards by requiring clear labeling of the products that have GE ingredients. Further, if it is within the authority of the agency, a rule should be passed halting all use of GE crops until convincingly proven safe. Finally I am particularly offended by the nature of this ruling which in essence robs me of my right to choose what I will consume. Where are we? In a free-market economy. Let the consumer choose.

We are a democratic society, and this is why, upon hearing from so many consumers, farmers, scientists, and advocacy groups, the FDA should change its January rule and require mandatory labeling on all products with GE ingredients.

Thank you for giving serious consideration to this matter.

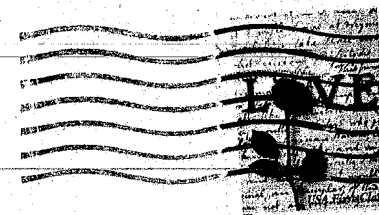
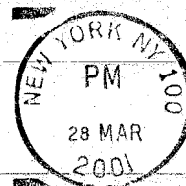
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